In addition, Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 has been amended w.e.f. 9.6.1993 to allow private sector participation in coal mining for purposes of generation of power, and for other end uses to be notified in addition to existing provision for iron and steel.

Bid to Curtail use of Coal

1984. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's at- tention has been drawn towards the news items under caption "Bid to curtail use of coal criticised" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi on the 28th February, 1995;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) how Government propose to resist the attempt of the industrialised countries to stop India from using its coal in order to reduce Carbondioxide emission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is seized of the various issues relating to the Framework convention on Climate Change.

(c) The Government are unaware of any such attempt by industrialised countries.

Batteries and continuous vertical retorts in Dankuni Coal Complex

1985. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1748 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1994 and state:

(a) the number of batteries and number of continuous vertical retorts per battery in the Dankuni Coal Complex;

(b) the designed operating temperature in the retorts;

(c) the designed coal consumption for the rated output of gas per battery; and

(d) for how many days any particular battery has operated at 100 per cent capacity and what has been the actual coal consumption for running of each battery at the rated load?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) There are five batteries at Dankuni Coal Complex (DCC). Each battery contains 20 continuous vertical retorts;

(b) As per design the normal temperature range to be maintained at various passes of the retorts varies from 1100 Degree Celsius to 1350 Degree Celsius;

(c) Designed coal consumption per battery is 300 tonnes of sized coal (−100 mm to +25 mm) per day.

(d) So far none of the batteries has been operated at 100% capacity level at DCC.

Low Phosphorous Coal

1986. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1748 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1994 and state:

(a) what is the quantity of low phosphorous coal brought from Chirimiri Coal Field so far, how much coke was produced and what was the ash content in the same;

(b) what has been the landed cost of the above coal at Dankuni per tonne and what has been the realisation price of the coke produced;

(c) whether any cost benefit analysis has been done on production of ferro alloy coke from coal brought from Chirimiri Coal Field; and